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1. There are tank repair workshops in the town formerly called Senov, which is now a part of Novy Jicin (N 49-36, E 18-01). The workshops are adjacent to the Senov railroad stop. The west side of the area is bounded by the Novy Jicin-Suchdol railroad line. The east side is bounded by a road from Novy Jicin to Bernartice. The south side is bordered by a field road leading west from the main road into the woods to a military training ground and firing range.
2. The workshops engage in tank repairs and engine tests, and the noise of running engines is constantly heard from the annex to the production hall. It is rumored among the local population that ammunition casings for tank guns are made here and some kinds of threads are drilled, but this information is incomplete since it originated from overheard fragments of conversation.
3. Two trucks of material packed in crates 100 x 150 x 100 centimeters large are brought to the workshops almost daily. The crates arrive in closed trucks and are unloaded at the warehouse (Annex B, Point 9). The origin of the crates is not known. Two or three tanks are brought to the workshops each week by rail and unloaded at the loading platform (Annex B, Point 12). The tanks are taken away by rail and at irregular intervals; the number shipped at a time varies from one to four. While in the workshops, the tanks are kept in garages or in the open between the buildings. The largest number of tanks observed in the open was eight. The tanks come mostly by rail from the direction of Prerov.
4. The permanent staff consists of about 50 soldiers (tank corps) and about 50 civilians; there are also a certain number of soldiers on temporary duty and a number of officers. They work in two shifts.
5. Military drill without tanks takes place two or three times a month with about 40 men participating. Training with tanks takes place about five times a month. On such occasions three tanks are usually seen driving to the military area west of the workshops. Tank firing exercises were observed only twice during the month of July 1954. Two tanks were seen standing in a

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space on a small hill (Annex A, Point 3), firing in a southerly direction.

6. The workshops are constantly guarded by a military guard and a guard in dark blue or black, probably a member of the factory militia, who are stationed in the guard room at the gate. There is also a watchdog. In the night another military sentry patrols round the works.
7. The management is exclusively in the hands of the Czechoslovak Army. The address is FPN 17.

Legend to Annex A:

1. Tank workshops
2. Training ground
3. Area on a small hill from which tanks fire in a southerly direction.

Legend to Annex B:

1. Porter's lodge, brick, 1.5 x 2 meters.
2. Warehouse or garage, brick, single-story, 50 x 7 meters.
3. Two-story brick building, 30 x 15 meters, flat roof, purpose unknown.
4. Garages for tanks, single-story, brick, 60 x 12 meters with about eight sliding doors.
5. Hall; probably a tank shop; massive construction, reinforced concrete; semi-circular roof with skylights; finished in autumn 1953; 80 x 20 x 20 meters.
- 5a. Annex, brick, 6 x 3 x 4 meters, used for engine tests.
6. Three-story brick building, flat roof with skylights and a raised semi-circular piece in the middle; old building, mostly civilian mechanics are employed there.
7. Three-story L-shaped building with sloping black roof; 25 x 10 meters; used by civilian workers.
8. Billets for tank troops; two-story brick building, 50 x 12 meters, fairly new.
9. Warehouse; single-story, brick, 80 x 12 meters; the windows are painted.
10. Loading platform next to the warehouse with railroad track running up to it.
11. Railroad track leading to the Senov railroad station.
12. Tank loading platform, standing in the open, 25 x 5 meters.
13. Senov railroad station.
14. Road leading along the south side of the workshop from the main road to the fields and the military training ground.
15. Wall, built of concrete blocks, about three meters high with barbed wire on top.
16. Built-up area surrounded by a wall similar to that around the workshops; officers' quarters and some warehouses are being built there; the area is 150 x 150 meters large.
17. Training ground for tank troops, extending several kilometers to the west (as far as Palacov) and about 800 meters wide at the widest point. It is not fenced off, but there are notices prohibiting access to civilians. The area is guarded during the time of actual use.

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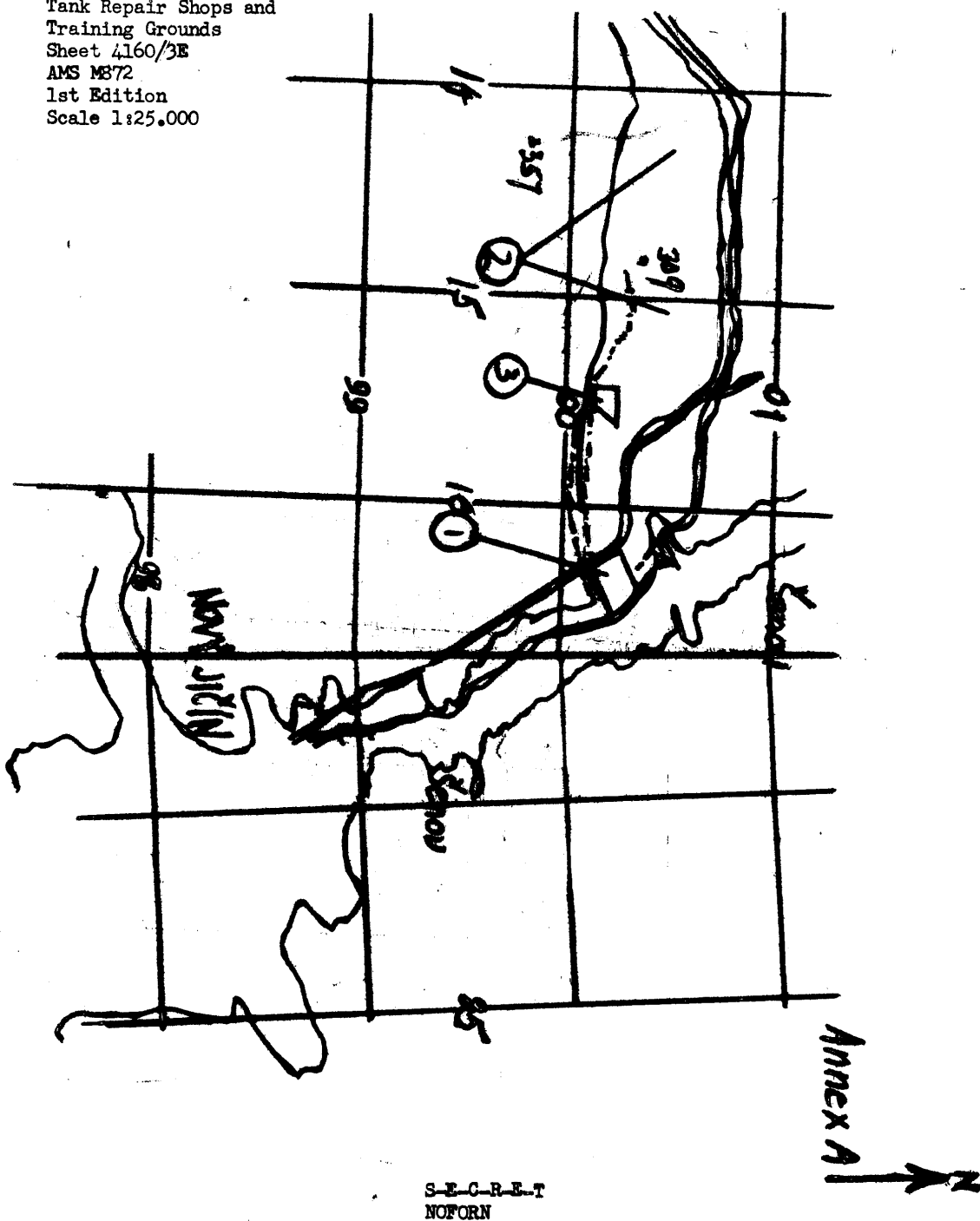
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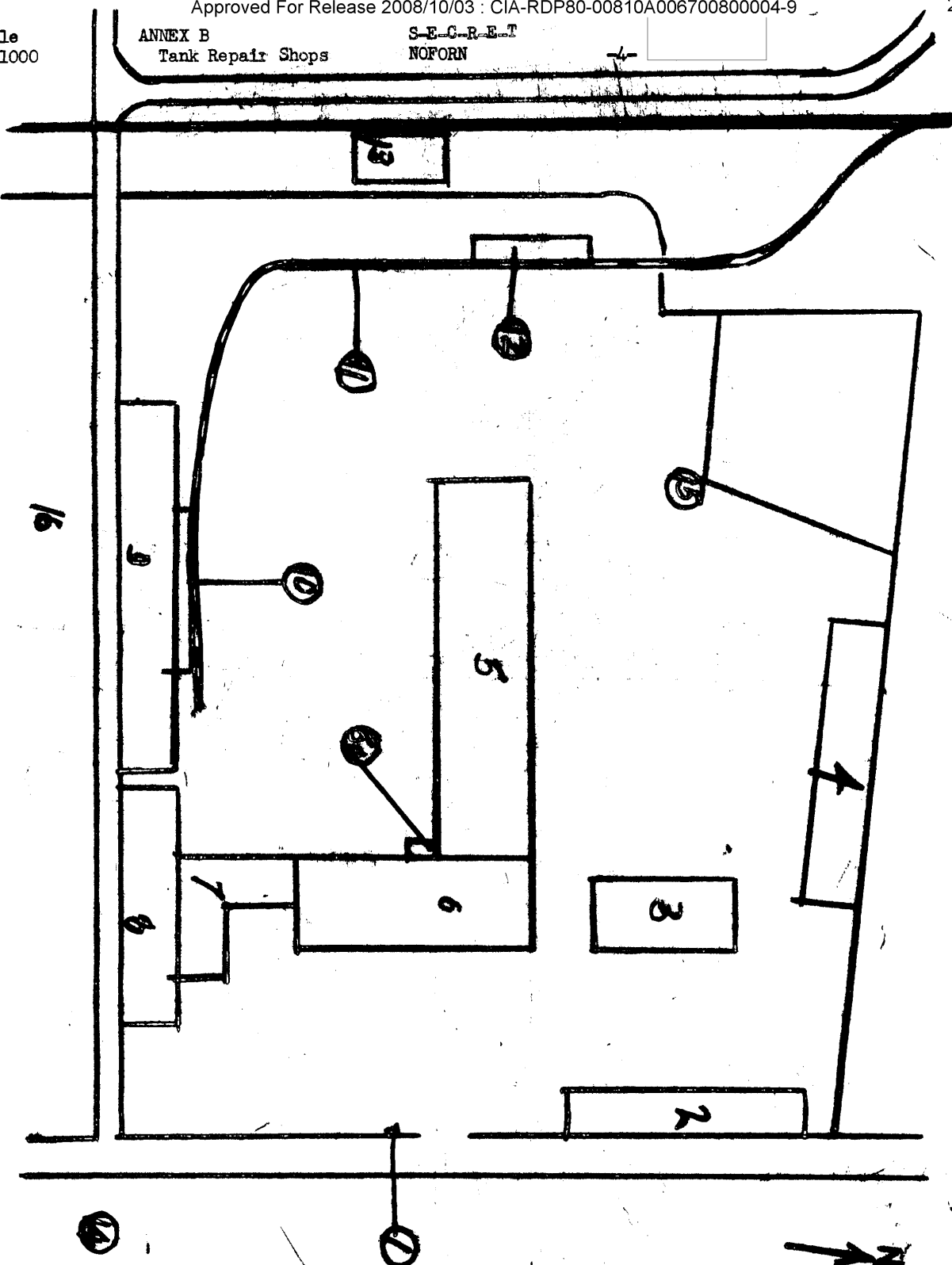


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